

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 16, 2002
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chairman
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chairman
Pat Brenner for George Hoffman,
 Apache Junction
Kristin Greene Skabo for Todd Hileman,
 Avondale
*Joe Blanton, Buckeye
Jon Pearson, Carefree
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek
Patrice Kraus for Donna Dreska, Chandler
Stuart Brackney, El Mirage
*Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills
Shane Dille, Gila Bend
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Tami Ryall for George Pettit, Gilbert
Ed Beasley, Glendale
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear
Tom Morales, Guadalupe

Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Norris Nordvold for Frank Fairbanks,
 Phoenix
Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
*Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
 Indian Community
Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Bill Pupo, Surprise
Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Mike Sabatini for David Smith,
 Maricopa County
Ken Driggs, Valley Metro/RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Ellis, Peoria, at 12:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Ellis stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Valley Metro/RPTA.

Chairman Ellis stated that the new Town Manager for Fountain Hills, Tim Pickering, was expected at the meeting.

Chairman Ellis stated that due to time constraints, agenda item #16, Domestic Violence Update, would be heard after approval of the consent agenda.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Ellis stated that public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. When two minutes have elapsed, a yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute time period, a red light will come on. Chairman Ellis stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards are available from the staff. Staff will then bring the cards to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. Chairman Ellis noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

4. Interim Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith stated that Congress has not passed a transportation appropriations bill for 2003. Continuing Resolutions have been enacted to continue funding at the FY 2002 level at \$31.8 billion for highways. Mr. Smith stated that OMB has only agreed to support a \$27.7 billion appropriation for highways, which is an approximate \$10 million cut to this region. He advised that this is important because it would set a lower base for TEA III appropriations. Mr. Smith stated that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is demanding that the funding be restored.

Mr. Smith stated that a meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2002 with MAG, ADOT and RPTA to compile information on TEA III coordination.

Mr. Smith stated that Transportation Policy Committee Retreat was held September 21, 2002 and was very productive. He stated that a draft of the new Regional Transportation Plan is expected in one year. Mr. Smith mentioned that the air quality strategy item on the agenda came out of discussions at the retreat.

Mr. Smith stated that Transportation Enhancement Funds Preliminary Recommendations have been forwarded to the State Transportation Board. He advised that five projects were recommended for funding from this region, totaling \$1.8 million, out of \$13 million available statewide.

Mr. Smith stated that the Chair of the Regional Council, Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, has encouraged participation in the ACT Workshop, which will provide techniques in community dialogue, and provide resources for people who are looking to move beyond traditional public meetings to solicit input and build consensus. He noted that MAG is a co-sponsor of the event to be held on November 19, 2002, at the Phoenix Airport Marriott.

Mr. Smith introduced Tom Remes, Senior Policy Planner. Mr. Remes worked for the City of Mesa, where he served as the Assistant to the City Council, where he was responsible for organizing and managing the activities of the Council Office. Mr. Remes will be involved in organizing the Annual Regional Town Hall, TEA III Reauthorization and member orientation. He has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University. Mr. Smith introduced Lavanya Vallabhaneni, who fills a vacant Transportation Modeler position. Ms. Vallabhaneni recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Master of Science degree in transportation engineering. She has experience in using the MAG modeling software, EMME/2. Mr. Smith introduced Ali Farhan, who fills another vacancy as a Transportation Modeler. He is a recent graduate from the University of Toronto with a Master's degree in

Transportation Engineering. Mr. Farhan has experience using several travel demand forecasting programs, including the modeling software used by MAG and has previous experience working as a transportation engineer. The new MAG staff was welcomed by the Committee.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Ellis stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for action items on consent. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who requested time for speaking on non-agenda items. He explained that he had called the MAG office to say that he wanted to comment but was running late. Chairman Ellis stated that he would grant additional time for comment if Mr. Crowley would accommodate the Committee and speak later in the meeting. Mr. Crowley stated that this is the second day of air quality violation. How many want to take the credit for that? Mr. Crowley stated that the PM-10 situation will only improve if it rains. He stated that particulates smaller than PM-10 need to be looked at. Mr. Crowley stated that the express terminal at I-10 needs to be abandoned by the City of Phoenix to the State. The terminal has been in the plan since 1987, but is still not completed. Mr. Crowley stated that he attended the RPTA meeting intending to comment on this issue. Mr. Crowley stated that there is one glitch in the FY 2003 MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity. Mr. Crowley expressed his appreciation for the outreach effort, but is MAG in violation of federal guidelines because people need to pay to attend the fair to give input. Mr. Crowley stated that perhaps an alternative could be given to those who will not be attending the fair. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Ellis stated that agenda items #6 through #14 were on the consent agenda. He stated that any member of the Committee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Ellis advised that a request had been received to remove from the consent agenda item #12, Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2003 CMAQ Funding.

Chairman Ellis asked for a motion to recommend approval of agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #13, and #14. Mr. Hutchinson moved to recommend approval, Mr. Pupo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of September 11, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the minutes of the September 11, 2002 meeting.

7. Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II Consultant Selection

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended authorizing the MAG Interim Executive Director to negotiate a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. as the consultant to assist in the development of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. The MAG Regional Unified Planning Work Program includes \$750,000 for consultant services for Phase II of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A request for qualifications (RFQ) was advertised for consultant assistance for the development of Phase II,

and five consultant proposals were received in response. The RFQ included an estimated level of funding of \$500,000. The \$250,000 balance may be required, depending on the final scope of work for Phase II. A review team consisting of representatives from MAG member agencies interviewed three of these consultant groups and reached a consensus that HDR Engineering, Inc. be selected to assist in the development of Phase II. The Management Committee's recommendation will be presented at the October 23, 2002 meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee for their consideration.

8. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG TIP to add an advance construction project, Maricopa County: Gilbert Road, McDowell Road to Beeline Highway; and McDowell Road, Gilbert Road to Mesa Drive, widen roadway and construct low water crossing of the Salt River to FY 2003 for a total of \$15,655,000 Local funds. Also, to change the existing FY 2007 project to a repayment phase of the same project in the amount of \$1,600,000 in MAG STP. Maricopa County is requesting an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to advance a federally funded project on Gilbert Road, just north of Mesa. As the project is partially programmed with MAG federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, it will be described as an "advance construction" project with local funds provided by Maricopa County in FY 2003 with reimbursement of the federal portion in FY 2007, pending possible future fiscal closeout actions. On August 27, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this advancement. Since the TRC action, the air quality conformity analysis for the project has been conducted and is considered under a separate agenda item.

9. FY 2003 MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity

The MAG Early Phase Public Input Opportunity was conducted from August through October, 2002. These events were held in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority and Valley Metro Rail. Opportunities included a transportation stakeholder meeting, two Transportation Fairs, and a "MAG at the Mall" event. MAG will participate in two additional events prior to the October Regional Council meeting – the Arizona State Fair and Tour de Tempe.

10. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a request from Maricopa County to advance a regionally significant federal-aid project on Gilbert Road from FY 2007 to FY 2003. A regional emissions analysis was required for the amendment. The results of the regional emissions analysis indicate that the inclusion of the new project in the TIP and LRTP meet the conformity requirements. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

11. Transfer of the Clean Cities Program

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended transferring the Maricopa Clean Cities Program to ENRG. In October 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy designated the Maricopa region a Clean Cities Community to support the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Since that time, interest in the Program waned due to a reduction in federal funds and the negative impact from

the State Alternative Fuels program. Recently, ENRG, a fuel company, approached MAG about assuming responsibility for the program and creating a committee of public and private sector members. MAG staff is recommending that the Clean Cities Program be transferred to ENRG.

13. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Draft July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. On September 17, 2002, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the July 1, 2002 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. These updates were prepared by the MAG staff, using Census 2000 data as the base and housing unit data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions, and to set expenditure limitations where appropriate. The State Population Technical Advisory Committee will consider these updates on November 22, 2002.

14. Development of Interim Socioeconomic Projections

In June 1997, MAG adopted official socioeconomic projections. Since there is a need to have updated socioeconomic projections for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, MAG is developing an interim set of projections until DES approves an official Maricopa County control total. It is anticipated that an official set of projections based on those control totals will be presented to the MAG Management Committee and Regional Council for consideration in the spring of 2003.

16. Domestic Violence Update

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, and Chair of the Domestic Violence Council, provided an update on the Domestic Violence Initiatives. Councilmember Bilsten provided statistics that showed that domestic violence still exists in our communities today. She stated that she would provide an overview of the progress of some of the initiatives since she last spoke to the Committee one and one-half years ago. She spoke about the efforts of the Domestic Violence Council, which includes members from law enforcement, crisis workers, health care professionals, the attorney general's office, and member agency staff. Councilmember Bilsten stated that the Governor's office recently awarded MAG with funding to support for the Domestic Violence Specialist for the next two years.

Councilmember Bilsten stated that a copy of the recently updated Domestic Violence Plan was at each place. The plan addresses the progress made on the 41 recommendations of the original plan and changes that have occurred. Councilmember Bilsten stated that the plan is also posted on the MAG website and receives many hits each day.

Councilmember Bilsten stated that MAG has been working with Dr. Dean Coonrod at Maricopa Integrated Health Systems to address how health care can aid domestic violence victims. She noted that Maricopa Integrated Health Systems recently received \$50,000 from St. Luke's Initiative to assist health care organizations.

Councilmember Bilsten stated that Employers Against Domestic Violence is a collaboration of public and private entities that helps train employers on the issue of domestic violence in the workplace. She stated that a law firm had heard of MAG's efforts in the domestic violence field, and had recently contacted MAG staff because one of their staff was being stalked. MAG staff was able to provide them with tools to use to keep their employee safe. Councilmember Bilsten requested that all cities and towns make a commitment to become a member of Employers Against Domestic Violence, because cities and towns employ a lot of people and can lead by example. She added that application forms were at each place. Councilmember Bilsten encouraged attendance at the next training session scheduled for November 15th.

Councilmember Bilsten stated that the local coordinating council initiative has been a great success. The councils meet and discuss how to collaborate on the issue of domestic violence within their own jurisdictions. Councilmember Bilsten stated that the number of crisis response teams, who provide immediate crisis services on scene, has increased.

Councilmember Bilsten stated that a Walk to End Domestic Violence is scheduled for April 26, 2003. Proceeds from the Walk will be distributed to assist with training and programs. She stated that activities to teach children about domestic violence are needed. Councilmember Bilsten thanked all for their support and appreciated their leadership.

Mr. Smith commended Councilmember Bilsten for her leadership and passion on this issue. He stated that the Human Services program does a tremendous amount of work with little resources. Mr. Smith stated that the transportation program receives millions of dollars in funding, but the Human Services Division has limited funding, so they seek funding through grants, etc. He noted that MAG receives kudos because of its human services efforts, and the Division does an outstanding job.

Mr. Nordvold stated that Councilmember Bilsten organized a tour of the Family Advocacy Center. He commended Councilmember Bilsten, who has her heart in the issue and is a great leader. Chairman Ellis thanked Councilmember Bilsten for her update.

12. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2003 CMAQ Funding

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Lindy Bauer stated that \$1,460,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding is available to purchase PM-10 certified street sweepers in FY 2003. She stated that PM-10 certified street sweeper projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment area. Twenty-one projects requesting approximately \$3 million in federal funds were received. Ms. Bauer stated that the projects were evaluated for air quality impacts and cost effectiveness. She explained that this criteria for evaluation is very important because FHWA emphasized that CMAQ funds should be used for projects with the highest air quality benefits and cost effectiveness. Ms. Bauer stated that the sweeper projects were ranked and the ten Phoenix projects were ranked the highest.

Ms. Bauer stated that on October 3, 2002, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee recommended a prioritized list of nine projects, instead of ten. This occurred because some of the sweepers were more expensive than the Phoenix sweepers. She displayed a list of the

projects ranked that recommended five sweepers for Phoenix, one for Chandler, one for Paradise Valley, one for Tempe, one for Gilbert, and retained the prioritized list for any additional FY 2003 CMAQ funds due to year end closeout, redistributed obligation authority, and funding from the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) provisions.

Ms. Bauer displayed a graph that showed that the Phoenix projects would have a 33 percent greater impact on air quality than the list recommended by the Committee. She noted that PM-10 is the most serious problem that we face. Ms. Bauer explained that in addition to the 33 percent greater impact, the ten Phoenix sweepers were two times more cost effective than the lowest ranking sweepers in the Committee recommendation. She noted that the Phoenix sweepers would be beneficial with the Salt River monitor problem because some of the sweepers will be dedicated to sweeping in this area. She explained about that the EPA had made an inadequacy finding due to continued exceedances of the PM-10 standard at the Salt River monitor on July 2, 2002. Ms. Bauer stated that the Phoenix sweepers are beneficial for conformity because any time that we have air quality benefits beyond what is in the budget, we can apply those benefits to transportation plans. She noted that CMAQ funds are to be used for the sweepers with the most air quality benefit, and the ten highest ranked provide the biggest air quality benefit.

Ms. Bauer displayed a list of street sweeper projects previously approved, for FY 2001 and FY 2002: Avondale, 2; Chandler, 2; El Mirage, 1; Fort McDowell-Yavapai Indian Community, 1; Gilbert, 2; Glendale, 3; Goodyear, 2; Guadalupe, 1; Mesa, 2; Paradise Valley, 1; Phoenix, 5; Scottsdale, 1; Surprise, 2; Tempe, 2; Tolleson, 1; for a total of 28. She stated that particulates are the most pressing problem, and she would be providing an update on the air quality lawsuit in a later agenda item. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Bauer for her presentation and asked if there were questions.

Shane Dille asked about local resources for staff as noted in the supplemental information in the agenda packet. Ms. Bauer replied that the supplemental information was not quantified but gives an idea of support by the community. Norris Nordvold stated that the Phoenix sweepers would be replacement sweepers and operators are already on staff.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who stated that he has indicated in the past that he wanted vacuums, not sweepers, although now he realizes they are the same. Mr. Crowley asked why don't the cities do as the County has done, and pay for their own sweepers? He encouraged considering buses. Mr. Crowley stated that the problem is not only PM-10, but those particulates even smaller. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Chairman Ellis asked if there was further discussion. Mr. Nordvold stated that he had spoken to many about the recommendation. He stated that one suggestion was to send it back to the Committee. However, Phoenix is in the midst of a 20 percent budget cutting process and would like to know if they would be getting sweepers to finalize their process and know if some staff could be kept on. Mr. Nordvold stated that the PM-10 sweepers would be replacing old sweepers. He explained the work Phoenix has been doing around the Salt River monitor site, including paving. Mr. Nordvold added that local match is available. He stated that he appreciated the support of the Committee.

Chairman Ellis stated that he understood that the Phoenix representative had declined some of the sweepers. Mr. Nordvold replied that was correct, but the same presentation that showed the impacts was not presented at the committee meeting. Ms. Bauer stated that the comparison of the ten highest ranking sweepers with the committee's recommendation was not presented at the meeting, since the committee had not yet made their recommendation.

Horatio Skeete asked about the nonattainment area. Mr. Nordvold stated that the Salt River monitor has been a problem because it is located on Lower Buckeye near the bus maintenance facility. He spoke about efforts by the City of Phoenix to pave the south Phoenix area, and they are now trying to keep the area swept. Mr. Nordvold explained that because sand and gravel operations are in the area, much of those materials are blown onto the road, so more sweeping is needed. We are under the gun. If we can't get below the standard, we face sanctions.

Mr. Smith stated that the way the action is written provides for the remainder of the list in the recommendation to be considered in the closeout process.

Tami Ryall asked Mr. Nordvold how using the sweepers in the Camelback Corridor relates to the Salt River monitor. Mr. Nordvold replied he did not have figures with him on how many would be used at the monitor site. Ms. Ryall asked how this would prevent people from being laid off. Mr. Nordvold replied that when cuts would be made, didn't want to do cuts if they are not needed.

Mark Fooks asked for clarification that the remainder of the projects could be funded if available funds were left at closeout, and how the projects would be selected. Chairman Ellis replied that it was his assumption that funding would be given down the list until the money was used. Mr. Fooks asked if \$1.5 million was available, would the remainder of the projects be funded? Mr. Smith replied that the Management Committee could make that a priority. He explained that closeout projects are projects that need to be ready to go, and street sweepers are examples of those types of projects.

Mr. Fooks asked the average amount of closeout funds in a year. Paul Ward replied that generally, a minimum of \$5 million in projects defer each year that we have to find projects that would be ready to obligate. Further funds to street sweepers would be an eligible use of closeout funds. However, street sweepers would compete with other projects being requested, but that the Management Committee could make street sweepers a priority at that time.

Tom Martinsen stated that he would feel more comfortable sending the item back to the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, because his city would be losing a project. He commented that he would like to see the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee make the recommendation.

Mr. Fooks urged that the motion include funding for all the street sweepers on the list if funding becomes available.

Chairman Ellis stated that there were three options that the Committee had discussed: 1) The recommendation as written; 2) The recommendation as proposed by Phoenix; 3) Send the item back to the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee. He asked members if they had comments.

Ed Beasley expressed concern with a blanket recommendation to give priority to those projects in the closeout process. He stated that he would like an analysis of the best use of the closeout funds.

Chairman Ellis asked Stephen Cleveland, Chair of the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, what would be the committee's recommendation if the item was referred back to them. Mr. Cleveland stated that although he was not at the meeting at which the committee made the recommendation, with the new data, the circumstances of violations, and problems at the Salt River monitor, the preponderance of evidence would lead one to believe the group would probably come back with a recommendation closer to the Phoenix option. It may need technical discussion by the group.

Mr. Nordvold moved to recommend approval of the ten Phoenix PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2003 CMAQ funding and for any additional closeout funds, priority would be given to those cities with projects having the greatest air quality impact until the money runs out. Mr. Fooks seconded. Chairman Ellis asked if there was further discussion.

Kristin Greene Skabo asked if a yes or no vote would be for all pieces of the action. Chairman Ellis replied that was correct.

A vote was taken on the question, which passed, with Mr. Martinsen, Mr. Sabatini, and Ms. Skabo voting no, and Ms. Ryall abstaining.

15. Air Quality Update

Lindy Bauer reported that a lawsuit has been filed by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest challenging the EPA approval of the Revised MAG 1999 Particulate Plan for PM-10. She stated that the Transportation Policy Committee discussed issues with the lawsuit at their retreat in September. Ms. Bauer stated that the brief has not been received, but issues are expected to include CARB diesel and more stringent agricultural measures. Ms. Bauer stated that new federal engine and clean diesel fuel standards may work in EPA's favor. Ms. Bauer stated that if the Center wins and the court vacates the approval, major industries would be hit immediately. She stated that in next five months, three things would happen if the situation is not remedied: the loss of federal funds, stoppage of major transportation projects, and imposition of EPA's own plan.

Ms. Bauer displayed the timeline of the lawsuit. She noted that the brief is due October 21, 2002. Ms. Bauer noted the possible court decision could take place in July 2003. Mr. Smith stated that the lawsuit will coincide with the development of the new RTP. Ms. Bauer stated that state action may need to be taken on CARB diesel and more stringent agricultural measures. She advised that congressional relief may also be needed. Ms. Bauer stated that the consensus of the TPC was to have a unified strategy for effective representation for the region. The ideas the TPC came up with include forming a stakeholders group of private attorneys to assist the EPA; and a letter writing campaign to entities such as EPA, the Governor's office, and the US Attorney General's office. Ms. Bauer stated that the letters would emphasize the importance of the lawsuit and request that they mount a strong defense. Mr. Smith stated that MAG had received a request from the Center for the PM-10 Plan and documents.

Chairman Ellis asked Ms. Bauer for clarification of the strategy. Ms. Bauer replied that it was the consensus of the Transportation Policy Committee that the EPA put their best attorney to work on this issue, and not to hand it off to attorneys that may not know the significance of the issue. Ms. Bauer stated that the TPC also indicated that a letter writing campaign to the EPA and the Department of Justice may be needed. She stated that Dave Berry, one of the TPC members, suggested that the private sector attorneys from those industries that could be impacted could lend assistance and expertise. Chairman Ellis asked who would be the staff contact. Ms. Bauer replied that Mr. Smith would be the primary contact, and she would assist Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith stated that the involvement of member agency attorneys was welcome.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley and provided him with an extra two minutes that he had requested earlier. Mr. Crowley held up the air quality advisory that he had found in the hallway. He stated that he understood that MAG did not like the lawsuit, but there is a reason the Center filed it. Mr. Crowley commented on hiring the best attorneys because we can't be stopped on building our projects. He stated that there is skullduggery going on with the half cent sales tax extension. Mr. Crowley stated that he wanted the County to do the extension and have a split vote between freeways and heavy and light rail. He stated that the I-10 express terminal is the only project not completed. The buses do not fit in the entrance. Mr. Crowley stated that all were welcome to attend the tour he was putting together to see the facility. He stated when the exceedance level reading for PM-10 at the South Phoenix site goes over 100 you are in exceedance—it is at 118. Mr. Crowley stated that his attorney, Mr. LaSota, says to do no harm, but he wanted to speak in support of Mr. Smith. He stated that when you are looking for an Executive Director, look under your nose. Mr. Smith has been at MAG awhile and is experienced. There is no need to hire another and break him in. Mr. Crowley stated that Mr. Smith does not have the predatory nature of Mr. DeBolske or the arrogant nature of Mr. Bourey. He stated that with Mr. Smith's leadership, he has seen outreach as never before. MAG needs someone who will do the job, and Mr. Smith can do the job. Mr. Crowley requested that he be counted in the Special Census.

Mr. Cleveland moved to recommend that a unified strategy be developed for effective representation for the region. Mr. Pupo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

17. Special Census/Survey Update

Harry Wolfe stated that in April 2002, the Regional Council approved reserving at least \$6 million of federal funds over a four year period, or \$1.5 million per year, to keep options open regarding taking a 2005 Special Census or developing an estimate. Mr. Wolfe explained some of the issues associated with undertaking a special census or a survey. He stated that with recent reductions in city revenues and potential reductions in state shared revenues, it has been suggested that a subcommittee of the Management Committee be appointed to explore cost effective options for developing a 2005 population figure to distribute state shared revenue.

Chairman Ellis stated that the Intergovernmental Representatives had discussed the issue and recommended the following to the Management Committee Subcommittee to examine the 2005 Special Census/Survey Options. The Subcommittee includes: George Pettit, Gilbert Town Manager, Chair; Charlie McClendon, Assistant City Manager, Avondale; Jim Huling, Assistant to the City Manager, Mesa; Prisila Ferreira, Deputy City Manager, Peoria; Norris Nordvold, Intergovernmental Program Director, Phoenix; and Pat Flynn, Assistant City Manager, Tempe.

Chairman Ellis stated that the group has experience and broad representation. He stated that Ms. Ferreira was MAG staff during the special census in 1985. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Huling served as the Chair of the 1995 Special Census Advisory Committee. Mr. Nordvold has had experience in the decennial census. Mr. Flynn would provide number crunching. Mr. McClendon would represent a fast growing community. Mr. Pettit chairs the POPTAC. Chairman Ellis asked if any member not on the list would like to be included.

Mr. Martinsen moved to appoint a Subcommittee of the Management Committee to explore cost effective options for developing a 2005 population figure to distribute state shared revenue. Mr. Brackney seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

19. Management Committee Retreat

This agenda item was taken out of order.

Each year, the Management Committee holds a retreat to discuss regional issues and provide guidance on the development of the MAG Work Program. Members of the Committee were requested to provide ideas on the structure of the retreat and potential discussion topics.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested postponing the Management Committee retreat until March or April. He commented that one consideration is the executive director search that is underway. He mentioned that the Regional Council will have their retreat in January and he would prefer having their direction first. Mr. Hutchinson stated that with the budget crisis, all have a lot going on.

Mr. Martinsen noted that the NLC Conference is scheduled for March.

Mr. Cleveland asked about the impact to the Work Program. Mr. Hutchinson stated that discussion could take place on the Work Program at Management Committee meetings. Mr. Smith stated that last year, Frank Fairbanks presented reforms to the budget process, including different types of workshops. Mr. Smith noted that with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, new ventures would be minimal because staff has their hands full.

Chairman Ellis stated that timing is an issue. He mentioned considerations such as the executive director search and direction from the Regional Council retreat. Chairman Ellis commented on delaying the Management Committee retreat until after the first of the year.

Mr. Pupo asked the tentative date for the Regional Council retreat. Mr. Smith stated that the tentative date was the second Friday in January. Mr. Pupo stated that it would be helpful to see their draft agenda first.

Chairman Ellis stated that the target date is January to have the executive director on board, and it would be valuable to have that person in place prior to holding the retreat.

Mr. Dille commented that typically, the Management Committee retreat was held prior to the Regional Council retreat. He commented on changing that in order to play off the Regional Council retreat.

18. Discussion of Regional Development Scope of Work

Jack Tomasik stated that since the FY 2003 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved in May, discussions have taken place on the role of MAG in regional development. He stated that the overall goals of the draft scope of work are information and analysis of the region to assist member agencies in decision-making and to help communities prosper. Mr. Tomasik explained that MAG has a wealth of knowledge, including existing MAG datasets, that can be applied to economic development and can be supplied to member agencies for their own use. He added that new datasets have been developed as a result of the funding received through the TCSP grant. Mr. Tomasik stated that staff could assist in strategic planning, if invited to do so by cities.

Mr. Tomasik stated that the REMI regional model, recently approved for purchase by the Regional Council, will be used for projections and impact analyses and will provide alternative growth scenarios and new dataset projections, and can be used to evaluate revenue projections, impacts of quality of life measures, and economic/demographic impacts of significant development projects. Mr. Tomasik also explained that MAG staff could provide expertise and technical assistance in economic and community development, from a regional context, to member agency staff if invited. Mr. Tomasik noted that staff has already provided assistance to member agencies in addressing a number of planning issues: for example, the Goodyear General Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force; the Estrella Mountain Ranch regional transportation impact for general plan cost of development element; Queen Creek fiscal balance and options; and the Goodyear City Council with economic development issues. He added that a request had just been received from the City of Mesa to assist on Williams Gateway and the GM Proving Ground.

Mr. Tomasik stated that an annual report would be prepared after the close of each calendar year, when data becomes available. The report would have two dimensions – first, comparing the region to competitor regions and second, reporting on geographic growth changes. The former would be prepared by coordinating with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council to avoid duplication of effort. The latter would show geographic changes through maps and tables by sub-region, not member agency.

Regarding the impact of regionally significant development projects, Mr. Tomasik stated that an information sharing role for MAG may be most appropriate and useful. Staff would prepare information on regional costs and benefits of regionally significant development projects. After that, a private meeting would be held with the member agency. A written report would be drafted, if desired by the member agency. Mr. Tomasik stated that the Planners Stakeholders Group would provide guidance in the technical approach as to what defines a regionally significant development, for discussion and approval by the Management Committee and Regional Council. He stated that an 18 month evaluation has been suggested for this approach.

Mr. Tomasik stated that funds have been held in contingency that could be used to enhance this program. He explained that there is \$269,500 in the current budget for alternative staffing positions and four options were available: Option 1: Additional Full-Time Staff. This option is to follow the work program and hire the Senior Planner, Planner I and GIS Analyst at \$134,750 for remaining six months of FY 2003. Option 2: Associate Approach. By using associates, the effort can be evaluated to determine if full-time staff will be hired. Mr. Tomasik

stated that the cost is estimated at \$180,000. Option 3: Reduced Associate Approach. This option is the same as Option 2, but more intensive work tasks would be taken out, thus reducing the associate budget to \$130,000. Option 4: Hire a GIS Analyst only and reduced associates at a cost of \$171,000.

Mr. Smith stated that there was controversy in May when the approval of the Work Program was being considered. He explained that three staff positions to analyze projects of regional significance were placed in contingency. Mr. Smith stated that a draft scope of work was to be brought back in September on these positions. Mr. Smith stated that due to the importance of the issue, it was not advisable to bring it forward and expect action at one meeting; therefore, this item was on the agenda this month for information and discussion only, and action will be scheduled for the next meeting. Mr. Smith stated that indications have been given that MAG be informational, not regulatory.

Patrice Kraus asked if the GIS Analyst would be working on regional development only. Mr. Smith replied that would depend on the workload. He indicated that Mr. Tomasik's division produces a lot of work.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that his city preferred a more aggressive approach, but there is no support for that approach. Therefore, he would support the interim recommendations, which would then be considered by the Management Committee and Regional Council.

Chairman Ellis stated that the draft looked fine to him. He indicated that he had vigorously opposed the earlier concepts. Chairman Ellis stated that he supported information sharing, and a non-regulatory position. He stated that he liked the direction of an 18 month pilot plan. He advised that this would be re-examined in the future.

20. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Dale Buskirk announced that ADOT, MAG, PAG, and FHWA are hosting a safety conscious forum on October 23 and 24, 2002. Mr. Buskirk stated that invitation letters have been sent and encouraged attendance at the forum. He stated that an action plan will come from the forum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary